

DAILY LOG

Office of the Deputy Director

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1. The briefing crusade to CINCLANT will depart at 0930 Thursday, the 18th, from MATS Terminal, National Airport. Transportation will be provided by one of Admiral Dennison's aircraft.

The briefing team includes

[redacted] from DD/I; and [redacted]
[redacted] has advised Admiral Dennison that you will not

know until the very last minute whether you can come.

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2. ONE paper dated 11 October indicating that Sino-Soviet relations are drifting progressively further apart.

3. One additional cease fire violation in Laos as of noon, 9 October. (ER 62-7387)

4. Hilsman Reports:

a. "Military and Economic Implications of Soviet-Cuban Fishing Agreement", motivated to increase food supplies for both countries but will also facilitate and expand Soviet naval intelligence operations in the Caribbean-Gulf of Mexico area. (ER 62-7379)

b. "Japan's Reaction to a Chinese Communist Nuclear Detonation" hints that the impact on Japan will be political rather than military. Peiping may claim that Japan's only protection against involvement in nuclear war is through elimination of US military bases in Japan. (ER 62-7377)

c. "The Pending Polish Visit to East Germany". Gomulka's visit this month is likely to produce resounding Polish endorsement of the Soviet position on Berlin and Germany. (ER 62-7380)

d. "The Short-Term Outlook for Algeria". FLN chiefs are still opposed to Ben Bella. Internal strife and political upheaval will doubtless continue. (ER 62-7376)

e. "Southeast Asian Neutralist Reactions to a Chinese Communist Nuclear Detonation". Chicom strategy is to impress but not scare the Southeast Asian neutralist countries, and to appear peaceful and defensive while making the US and its allies appear their only threat. (ER 62-7420)

f. "USSR Suspends Program for Abolition of Income Tax" While this is a surprise blow ^{to} consumers, the Soviets will justify the suspension by indicating an increase in ^{aggressive} actions of imperialism. (ER 62-7422)

g. "Bloc Relations with Latin America" Coincident with increase of Soviet aid to Cuba, there are indications of negotiation for economic ties in Bolivia and Brazil. (ER 62-7423)

h. "The Crisis in Communist China and Peiping's Recovery Prospects" Some experts are impressed with the doubling of the capital plant during 1958-60, while others are impressed with the Chicom agricultural difficulties which they regard as insoluble. A third view, which Hilsman supports, argues that Peiping is likely to secure sufficient agricultural recovery to renew significant economic development. (ER 62-7421)

i. "Moscow Builds a Case Against a European Nuclear Force" The USSR has used Western broadcasts and newspaper articles to promote the idea that a separate European nuclear force is in prospect which would be US supplied and dominated. (ER 62-7469)

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